W. B. CALDWELL, ADMINISTRATOR.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS, TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT IN THE CASE OF W. B. CALDWELL, ADMINISTRATOR, AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

January 18, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE, Washington, January 15, 1902.

SIR: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims, House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

John Randolph,

Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. David B. Henderson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 5672. W. B. Caldwell, administrator of William O'Neil, deceased, v. The United States.]

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that William O'Neil, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed June 1, 1897.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 5672. W. B. Caldwell, administrator William O'Neil, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 6th day of August. 1888.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 1st day of June, 1897, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States

throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 23d day of October, 1901. Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by George M. Anderson, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations:

That he is a citizen of the United States, residing in Jefferson County, State of Tennessee, where decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said period the United States forces, by proper authority, took from said decedent quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$331 and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army, as follows:

Taken from decedent's premises on or about December 15, 1863, at or near Newmarket, Jefferson County, Tenn., by General Foster: 500 pounds hay Taken January 1, 1864, by same command:
1,960 pounds pork at, 10 cents
300 pounds beef, at 10 cents.

The court upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT:

There were taken from the claimant's decedent, in Jefferson County, State of Tennessee, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, stores and supplies of the kind and character above described, which at the time and place of taking were reasonably worth the sum of ninety-five dollars (\$95).

No payment appears to have been made therefor.

BY THE COURT.

Filed December 2, 1901. A true copy. Test this 4th day of January, 1902. [SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH. Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

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